

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is anti-democratic and an abuse of the public trust.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. These are local stations that should serve local needs. When Sinclair's headquarters forces stations to push a particular political agenda, local needs are shoved aside.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.